

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

THOMAS WERNER
HARTMUT RUELKE
CHRISTOF STRECK

Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: Daborah Chacko Davis

Serial No.: 10/691,274

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2000.105300

Filed: October 22, 2003

For: TECHNIQUE FOR REDUCING RESIST
POISONING IN FORMING A
METALLIZATION LAYER INCLUDING
A LOW-K DIELECTRIC

CUSTOMER NO.: 23720

Conf. No.: 4933

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on.

(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

- iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) **required**)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ **The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Williams, Morgan & Amerson's, Deposit Account No.50-0786/2000.105300**

- i. ☒ RCE fee required \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee \$120.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17(a)
- iii. ☐ Other _____.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Respectfully submitted,

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